

Application No: 10/718,512

REMARKSClaim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being based upon a defective reissue oath. Applicant submits a Supplemental Reissue Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) to overcome the Examiner's rejection. In paragraph 6 of the Supplemental Reissue Declaration, Applicant identifies at least one word in the original claims that renders the original patent partially or totally inoperative or invalid.

The Office Action also required a statement as to the loss or inaccessibility of the original patent. A statement is now included in paragraph 7 of the Supplemental Reissue Declaration that the original patent is lost or inaccessible.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-30 are pending. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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